

**MINUTES
CITY OF BLOOMINGTON
COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABILITY**

Tuesday, August 14, 2007, 6:00 p.m.
Hooker Room, City Hall, 401 North Morton Street

Roll Call:

Members Present: John Hamilton, George Huntington, Jeff Mease, Cairril Mills,
Toby Strout, Paul Sullivan, Catherine Stafford, John West

Staff Present: Sarah Wilson, Intern
Adam Wason, Assistant Directory of Economic Development

Approval of Minutes from July 10th, 2007

John Hamilton called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. John West moved for approval of the minutes as amended, Catherine Stafford seconded. The vote was taken and passed unanimously.

Public Announcement

Paul Schneller asked about the status of Keith Clay's resignation. John Hamilton informed Paul that the council would appoint a replacement for the position. The commission is still waiting on the official resignation.

Paul Schneller commented that the Center for Sustainable living and WFHB are presenting an eco-report. The report will have different recorded segments on several different environmental issues. He added that the segment should last about 30 minutes, and will include local, regional and national news.

Announcements

George Huntington informed the Commission that he will be out of town and not in attendance to the September 11th meeting.

Toby Strout asked if the Commission had any more information on the Global Ecological Footprint. There was a brief discussion on how to find more resources between Cairril Mills and Toby.

Report on IU Sustainability Task Force

Adam Wason introduced Paul Sullivan.

Paul provided information on the IU Sustainability Task Force. He gave a brief background; the group formed in March and has a mission to develop a framework for Indiana University's plan for sustainability. The IU Task Force is made up of 6 staff members and 13 interns, which are each divided into subgroups and projects. These subgroups include resource/recycling, energy, built in environment, food, land use, and transportation. He added that the IU Task Force is researching what courses at IU are

relevant to sustainability. The new organization is evaluating if they will continue to function part time versus creating an office.

John Hamilton commented that he thought this was a great project, and a great opportunity to combine the City's efforts with IU's efforts and continue to build a relationship. He asked about relatable websites and outreach work.

Cairril asked Paul if there was a common vision between IU Task Force and the Commission. Paul noted that IU Task force was narrowed on environmental issues, whereas the Commission is broader.

John Hamilton suggested that both organizations partner and align efforts by combining completion of projects and working for a common purpose.

Catherine Stafford recommended that IU Task Force get involved with the local housing and neighborhoods on or near campus. These neighborhoods are currently heavily populated by students, she would like to see research on the socio-economic importance of students, and the impact they have on the core neighborhoods surrounding IU.

Paul added that the interns of IU Sustainability Task Force will be presenting their final projects Monday, August 20th 2007 at 10:30 a.m. anyone who is interested is welcome.

Old Business

Cairril asked Adam about the Greenhouse Gas feedback, John Hamilton also wanted to know who was driving the report, Linda or Christine.

Adam informed them of the SAR and that he would talk to Christine and report back with a full update. He also stated the projected release for the SAR date would be the end of next week, that he was awaiting Maria's return.

Chair's Report

John Hamilton announced he wanted to make sure that everyone in the Commission is assigned to a committee.

Cairril expressed that she did not want to belong to a specific committee.

John Hamilton stated he thought that as a Commission, the most effective and successful way to work was in committees, and that it was the best way to remain organized and structured.

Reports from Staff

Adam Wason informed the Commission that he had successful meetings with a few different groups such as; Downtown Bloomington Inc., The Visitors Bureau, and Restaurant Association. He also gave a briefing of each meeting.

Toby Strout asked if she could be added to the Buy Bloomington mailing list.

Adam also informed the Commission on a recent meeting with the GreenPeace Chapter, where he gathered information on the Greenhouse Gas Reduction. There he discussed a possible solar truck demonstration/presentation. The presentation will consist of a cook out on a solar power generated grill. This presentation is planning on taking place August 25th in association with the Farmer's Market.

Adam then reviewed the plans for the Solar Panel Demonstration Project. The Team Green is putting together grant information. The original projected price was approximately \$ 25,000. Adam added that after reviewing everything the cost might be closer to \$40,000.

John Hamilton asked if they were going to be receiving any help from Duke Energy.

Committees Report

Partnerships and Resources Committee Report: John West informed the Commission that they had not met recently.

Closing Remarks

Toby Strout posed a question to the Commission regarding the lower income citizens of the Bloomington community and how they have figured into Economic Development. She has suggested to the administration that lower income citizens throughout Bloomington should be considered in the context of city administration and economic development.

Meeting was Adjourned at 7:32 p.m.